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Amelia Hall to Sarah Bracher, 20 February 1859

Rushcutter's Bay Sydney

20th Feb^y 1859

Your kind letter of the 3rd ult did not reach me until last night my dearest Sarah. On leaving Newtown I gave the address of a Friend in Sydney requesting my Letters &c might be *immediately* forwarded, your Letter remained 10 days at Newtown! or assuredly it w^d have been answered without delay for I can truly say of late that you & dear Henry have been even more than usually in my thoughts. I am grieved circumstances continue so trying but you remember the adage when things get to the worst they must mend. I used frequently to ask myself what the worst could be for assuredly in all reason they frequently appeared quite bad enough it will rejoice your kind heart to know circumstances are slightly mending with Aunty & I most sincerely pray your next communication will announce that dear George has found some satisfactory occupation, that would with your good management soon put all things right. Do not regret the dear little strangers God grant it may be a comfort to you. I hope before this reaches you the trial will be over. How I envy you! in having a glimpse of your dear Brother *en passant*. I am so provoked at the delay of your letters as I might possibly have posted a letter to him so that he might have received it before leaving for the Swan now I have no such hope so shall write to him direct to the Swan by the next mail. I received a very kind letter from him the day I left Newtown w^h only my change of residence & change of occupation with many items well enough to talk over but not worth putting in writing prevented my answering. I am very glad dear H is going to the Swan because I hope it will be for his happiness to do so. Still I am selfish enough to regret his going to a greater distance without having seen him. Only for that silly Mr Wilson I sh^d have been settled at Melbourne four years ago & as I have every reason to believe might have been spared much anxiety. "There by hangs a tale" w^h must be till we meet. There are no young ones as yet or likely to be in Castlereagh S^t provided one or two come during the next six years (as I truly hope they will) your Cousin may think herself very fortunate especially as Herbert is so anxious to make his fortune that he may go to England to see his Mother. He is doing very well

notwithstanding the bad times. I am happy indeed Anderton has made so good a choice all happiness attend them!! but we know dear Sarah that whether married or single life has its cares. Have you heard from Mrs Rob^t Hester lately? I hope her Husband is prospering tolerably. I perhaps ought to tell you what I am about. Why dear Sarah I have taken to teaching again and came into this neighbourhood to attend what I had reason to believe w^d be a very nice family, at present a l l is "couleur de rose" but my habit is to wait a while before giving an opinion. Many trifling difficulties are in my way w^h a little time will remedy. The hours are from 9 o'clock in the Mon^g until 4 pm & till 12 on Saturday. There is a special spread at one o'clock w^h you know Aunty does not occupy herself over much about. The Salary is £100 per An^m but I value the connexion more. I have for some time wished to begin a school but to ensure success connexion is even more than money that I felt I needed if I continue for a time with this family I shall have it. Give my love and a kiss to my dear Nieces. I am sorry not to write to Fanny but Aunty has so bad a head ache that if I omit it she will not think herself forgotten. Believe me my dear Sarah
Very affectionately yrs
Amelia Hall

NB I have rec^d 2 Letters from yr dear Father!!! When the mail goes I think I shall direct to him at Bunbury.